

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full Paragraph on page 17 of the specification with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The front panel 76 is deployed from its vertical orientation shown in Figure 6 to a generally horizontal orientation to provide a foot rest by activation of a linear actuator 88 located within the interior of the base of the chair. The linear actuator 88 may be a Dewart type 34931 linear actuator comprising a electric motor 90 at one end thereof and a piston arm 92 at the other end thereof which is extendable from a housing 94. The end of the actuator 88 nearest the motor section 90 is pivotally connected to a bracket 96 integral with and upstanding from the base frame 72 at the front of the frame 72. At the other end of the actuator the extendable arm 92 is pivotally connected at its end to a bracket 98 extending on one side of a square cross section metal tube member 100 to which extends along the width of the chair and is welded to respective metal bell-crank plates 102 at opposite sides of the chair, only one of which is shown in the cross-section view of Figure 6. The bell-crank plates 102 are substantially parallel with the respective side panels 74 and perpendicular to the metal tube which connects the bell-crank plates 102 on either side of the chair together. Each bell-crank plate 102 is pivotally connected to its respective side panel 74 by a pin type mounting 104 positioned towards the top edge 106 of the side panel 74. Each bell-crank plate 102 is provided with an upstanding engagement pin 108 extending perpendicular to the plane of the plate. The pin 108 constitutes a cam engagement means and is engaged within respective first and second cam slots ~~440~~ 114 and 112 provided in the respective cam plates ~~444~~ 110 and 116 pivotally mounted to the respective side panels 74 towards the rear of the chair on

both sides thereof. The first and second cam plates 444 110 and 116 are pivotally mounted on a common pivot pin 118 which extends into the interior of the base portion from the side panel 74. The cam plates 444 110 and 116 are generally planar and parallel with the bell-crank 102 and the side panel 74.

Please replace the first full Paragraph on page 18 of the specification with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The first cam plate 444 110 constitutes a seat back cam for determining the movement path of the back portion of the chair (not shown) with respect to the base. The second cam plate 116 constitutes a footrest cam for determining the movement path of the front panel 76 with respect to the side panels of the base. The seat back cam or first cam plate 444 110 has a shallow V-shape with the mounting pin 118 positioned at the apex of the V. The upper arm of the V, i.e. the arm shown towards the top of the drawing in Figure 6, constitutes a lever for connecting the seat back cam plate to the back portion of the chair, while the cam slot 440 114 is formed in the lower arm of the V. The cam slot 440 114 includes a linear portion 120 and an arcuate portion 122 with the linear portion 120 extending towards the extremity of the V and the arcuate portion disposed towards the middle part of the V in the lower arm. The curvature of the arcuate portion 122 is such that the side of the slot facing the front of the chair in the view of Figure 6 is convave.